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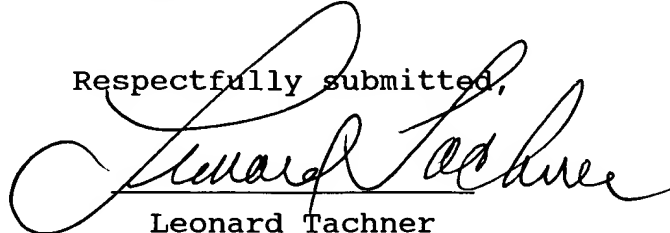
Claims 3-6, 8 and 9 are pending. Claim 9 has been added and relates to the cutting groove feature to divide the unitary injection molded apparatus into shorter lengths. The remaining claims have been amended to be dependent on claim 9. Reconsideration is requested.

None of the references of record discloses a bird repellent apparatus made of a unitary structure of injection-molded plastic and having cutting grooves to facilitate separation into shorter lengths. If any such reference makes such a disclosure, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would specifically identify the column and lines which provide such teaching. The use of a cutting groove feature in a unitary injection-molded apparatus permits further economies by permitting molding of long assemblies which can then be easily separated into shorter sections for ease of installation. This therefore permits generation of more product per each injection operation. Clearly, this advantage would be meaningless in prior art bird repellent devices which are not made from unitary structures of injection-molded plastic. Accordingly, all of the rejections based on prior art should now be withdrawn.

AMENDMENT Continued
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In view of the amendments and remarks made herein, an early allowance of pending claims 36, 8 and 9 appears to be merited and such is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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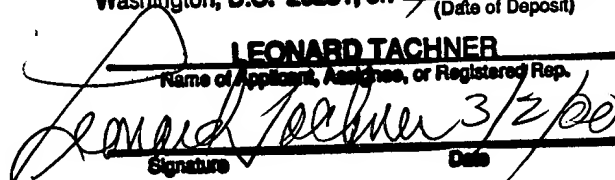
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